

1-1 By: Farias (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 195
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-3 April 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 17, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 195 By: Van de Putte

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the availability on the Internet of reports of
 1-22 political expenditures and contributions filed in connection with
 1-23 certain county and municipal offices.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 254.0401, Election Code,
 1-26 is amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 254.0401. AVAILABILITY OF ~~[ELECTRONIC]~~ REPORTS ON
 1-28 INTERNET.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by
 1-30 adding Subsections (a-1) and (c) and amending Subsection (f) to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 (a-1) The county clerk of a county with a population of
 1-33 800,000 or more shall make a report filed with the clerk by a
 1-34 candidate, officeholder, or specific-purpose committee under this
 1-35 subchapter in connection with a county office or the office of
 1-36 county commissioner available to the public on the county's
 1-37 Internet website not later than the fifth business day after the
 1-38 date the report is received.

1-39 (c) The clerk of a municipality with a population of 500,000
 1-40 or more shall make a report filed with the clerk by a candidate,
 1-41 officeholder, or specific-purpose committee under this subchapter
 1-42 in connection with the office of mayor or member of the
 1-43 municipality's governing body available to the public on the
 1-44 municipality's Internet website not later than the fifth business
 1-45 day after the date the report is received.

1-46 (f) The commission shall clearly state on the Internet
 1-47 website on which reports are provided ~~[under Subsection (b)]~~ that
 1-48 reports filed by an independent candidate, a third-party candidate,
 1-49 or a specific-purpose committee for supporting or opposing an
 1-50 independent or third-party candidate will not be available if the
 1-51 candidate or committee has not yet filed a report.

1-52 SECTION 3. (a) Section 254.0401(b), Election Code, is
 1-53 repealed.

1-54 (b) Effective January 1, 2014, Section 176.009(b), Local
 1-55 Government Code, is repealed.

1-56 SECTION 4. Section 254.0401, Election Code, as amended by
 1-57 this Act, and Section 176.009, Local Government Code, as amended by
 1-58 this Act, apply only to a report of political contributions and
 1-59 expenditures that is required to be filed under Chapter 254,
 1-60 Election Code, on or after January 1, 2014.

2-1 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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